

## REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 to remove the portion of the claim requiring "without further etching". Applicants believe the claims as pending are supported by the specification at, for example, page 5, lines 2-7 and page 7, lines 10-12.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.



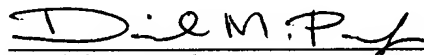
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